

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0038] with the following amended paragraph:

**[0038]** Sprocket 500 minimizes or eliminates the risk of damage to sprocket support 74, even when it is mounted on first outer peripheral surface portion 90 of sprocket support 74. This is accomplished generally by providing radially inwardly extending splines that are relatively thick in the direction of rotational axis C. More specifically, sprocket 500 comprises a sprocket body 504 having a side wall 508, a plurality of teeth 512 extending radially outwardly from sprocket body 504 and dimensioned to engage a bicycle chain, a plurality of radially inwardly extending splines (projections) 516 and a plurality of outwardly extending splines (slots) 518. In this embodiment, sprocket body 504, the plurality of teeth 512, the plurality of radially inwardly extending splines 516 and the plurality of outwardly extending splines 518 are one piece. As with the other embodiments, sprocket 500 includes a radially inwardly extending spline 516a that has a circumferential width different from the other radially inwardly extending splines 516, as well as a radially outwardly extending spline 518a that has a circumferential width different from the other radially outwardly extending splines 518.